

VBODA General Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 8, 2017 9:00 A.M.
Colgan High School

Call to Order Andrew Loft

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Steve Rice, seconded by Steve Jacoby, approved

Review of Voting Procedures Doug Spruill

Roll Call Laura M. Thomas

Present: District 1: John Sarvay; District 2: Tim Rossettini; District 3: Kyle Flohre; District 4: Sue Davidson; District 5: Daniel Upton; District 6: David Miller; District 7: Mark Collins; District 8: Darren Kirsch; District 9: Anthony Agee, District 10: Steve Jacoby ; District 11: Ann Rupert; District 12: Mike Hackbarth; District 13: Jason Hackworth; District 14: Sarah Morosko; District 15: Ryan Addair; District 16: Tim Neibergall.

Minutes Laura M. Thomas

Posted online, approved

15 month CD: \$13,869.44

Checking: \$118,233.47

Savings: \$24,662.51

Paypal: \$4,805.36

Total Cash and Bank Accounts: \$161,570.78

2016-17 Virginia Honor Bands and directors are announced. Please see Andrew Loft for any issues with electronic submission of application.

GENERAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Steve Turner

VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Professional Development Linda Gammon

a. Check back if you didn't get a reservation at the Homestead; rooms are opening up. Planning is underway; 223 applications for clinics, performing group tapes due by April 28, all online. All areas represented on selection committee, which will meet the second weekend in May to listen to submissions.

2. All-Virginia Auditions Doug Spruill

a. Appreciation expressed to all, including 120 judges on both sides (band/orchestra) for their time and expertise in running auditions.

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3. All-Virginia Event

Don Magee/Andrew Loft

- a. *Appreciation expressed to host Don Magee, as well as orchestra and band managers, who have helped this event run smoothly.*

2018 Event Location Richmond: Carpenter Theater (With VCDA)

Orchestra: Robert Gillespie, Ohio State University

Concert Band: Rob Carnochan, University of Miami

Symphonic Band: Peter Boonshaft, Hofstra

2019 Event Location Richmond: Carpenter Theater (With VCDA)

Orchestra: TBA

Concert Band: Michael Robinson, University of Georgia (tentative)

Symphonic Band: Dr. Stephen Davis, University of Missouri, Kansas City

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All-Virginia Jazz

Steve Turner

Materials will be posted online June 1. Homestead schedule worked really well (arrive Tuesday, concert Thursday), will continue.

All-Virginia Scale Ranges

Doug Spruill

First year of implementation, will go smoother next year! Thanks to all for your patience and help.

Awards

Andrew Loft

Wayne Powell will take over as Awards Chair. Please visit our website for descriptions of awards and deadlines, and nominate someone! We need to recognize our outstanding VBODA members.

Concert Adjudicator Training

Sharon Jeanes

Twenty people attended training this weekend. Adjudicator list will be updated this week; please complete project.

Legacy Recording

Rob Carroll

Ongoing

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VMEA Legislative Report

John Brewington

Dozens of meeting with legislators, new VMEA brochure (advocacy), download it from website and make it your own, use it. DOE just approved new mandatory middle school course for career investigations; we did our best to provide alternatives, met with Dr. Staples, could not agree. This new course is problematic for sequential elective courses such as music. Alternatives have been offered by VMEA to protect music enrollment. We are working directly with DOE and trying to find a solution that is viable for each location. Could be on-line. We continue to advocate directly with DOE and with GA. Dr. Staples asked us to put together an arts presentation to state school board association conference at Portsmouth in June. VMEA letter-writing campaign was effective; keep it up.

Letter-writing campaign was very effective. Ongoing conversations with Virginia Coalition for Fine Arts. Please visit VMEA and Va Coalition for Fine Arts websites often.

AL: Thank you, John. Membership: please take this information seriously. We are in dire times, and MUST advocate for our programs, or we will not exist. Please read my upcoming article in Notes.

Marching Assessment

Grayson Fore

All registration will be online. Please make sure email addresses are correct! Copyright form has been created and will be required. Committee recommends a Copyright Compliance Officer. Second recommendation: Eliminate classes, schedule bands in order or size smallest to largest based on numbers of Winds/Percussion. Vote will be taken later in meeting.

Publications and Fees

Stan Schoonover

Solo/Ensemble materials available on public side of website. New SE list for strings will be posted in May. New SE Percussion evaluation sheet to be used this year, will be posted. 1012 Program Participation Fees were paid this year. 500 pieces were submitted for grading this year, 400 were graded and selected for inclusion. VBODA Directory on line for 10 years now. Expectation that VBODA members will update their contact info yearly.

Scholarship Committee

Carl Bly

Please urge your students going into music education to apply for these scholarships Information online.

Sight Reading Committee Band

Diana Love

Feedback from directors has been shared with committee and Gary Fagan.

Recommendation from committee to add language in judges' script re director's commentary during sight-reading performance; this recommendation was sent back to committee by Executive Board for further clarification.

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Sight Reading Committee Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

*Tina Hans is chair, wants to step down. Please let CF know if interested in serving.
Todd Parrish will continue to compose string sight-reading.*

Strategic Planning Committee

T. Jonathan Hargis

*We will meet in June to discuss several issues; stay tuned! Read committee reports
on the website.*

Website

Michael Hackbarth

Make sure your information (profile) is correct! That is how we communicate.

Workshops at All-Va Event

Daniel Upton

Well-attended, appreciation expressed.

OLD BUSINESS

General

1. Administrative Handbook Edits Carrie Finnegan
 - a. *Section 6 (Regional Orchestra) section has been updated; please read.*
2. Website Job Descriptions Doug Spruill
 - a. *Appreciation expressed to Michael Hackbarth for redesign of website. VBODA Job Descriptions posted online, please read. Several vacancies.*
 - b. *All elected seats on VBODA Board are open; if you are interested in serving, let us know. Stay tuned for email.*
3. All-Virginia Middle School Ensembles Andrew Loft
 - a. *Committee will meet to put together a proposal to Executive Board. Seeking representation on committee from Districts 1, 7, 9, and 15.*
4. VBODA National Interaction Andrew Loft
 - a. *Austin Isaac and Hunter Kopczynski attended the Texas Music Educators Association Conference and gave reports to the Executive Board. Austin also spoke to the General Membership about his experience.*
 - b. *AL: These funds are made available to the General Membership (not Executive Board); figure out where you want to go and we'll take it under consideration!*

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Orchestra

None

Band

Andrew Loft

1. 75th Anniversary Commission Project

All registration will be online. Please make sure email addresses are correct! Great experience with David Maslanka's piece; he is here this weekend. Appreciation expressed to membership for approval of funds for commission. We are seeking a price for Brian Balmages to re-write the piece we commissioned for All-Virginia Orchestra last year for string orchestra, rather than double string orchestra, so that it is more practical for grade 6 orchestras in Virginia.

2. All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble Commission

Steve Turner

Exciting possibilities in the works—stay tuned!

3. New Percussion Solo and Ensemble Sheet

Andrew Loft

Voted in last fall, posted online, much improved

NEW BUSINESS

Concert Assessment

Andrew Loft

Sent recommendation back to Band SR Committee for more clarification on judges' script. Will appoint a committee to discuss other Concert Assessment issues.

Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

1. New harp rotation

a. Committee recommended new harp rotation and score sheet; will be posted on website. Executive Board approved yesterday.

2. Public Domain Scores

We have asked VMEA to check with lawyers on proper use of public domain scores. We will revisit in June and have an answer for the membership by Concert Assessment next year.

Band

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Action Items from Committees

1. *Recommendation to establish Copyright Compliance Administrator. Discussion: This is a big issue in the Marching Band world. Copyright form will be online, will require principal signature. Executive Board recommended; passes.*
2. *Recommendation to dissolve classes for marching band. We will list numbers of WP, schedule from smallest to largest (exception for host.) Discussion. Simple majority here, then 2/3 majority for online ballot. Passes. AL directed webmaster to prepare vote online and complete by June 1.*
3. *Recommendation to raise MBA fee from \$175 to \$200. Discussion: what would be done with excess funds? This year all sites ran, none cancelled due to weather (this is unusual.) Passes.*

Committee Appointments

AL appoints Kevin Engdahl as Concert Assessment Committee Chair. Will address sight-reading levels, will deal with issues of combined ensembles for Assessment. Let Kevin or Andrew know if you are interested in serving.

Jennifer Herrera has agreed to revamp forms on VBODA sites as fillable PDF forms. Let us know if you'd like to help.

AL: Appoint past-president to Strategic Planning Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make sure your information on the website is correct! This is your responsibility as members.

VBODA plaque and lapel pin presented to Steve Rice, past VBODA President, for his service.

VBODA lapel pins available to VBODA performing directors; will be retroactive, apply online.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

1. Committee chairs, please submit your report to the Secretary in PDF form
2. Please list all members of the committee
3. VBODA inventory and contracts go to Steve Turner

Motion to adjourn: Steve Rice, seconded by Stan Schoonover, passes. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas, Secretary, April 15, 2017

